

## Article - Public Safety

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§3–522.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Center” means the Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence.

(3) “Collaborative Committee” means the Collaborative Planning and Implementation Committee for the Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence.

(4) “Crisis intervention model program” means a nationally recognized crisis intervention team program developed and published by the University of Memphis in Tennessee or a comparable nationally recognized crisis intervention team program.

(5) “Local behavioral health authority” means the designated county or multicounty authority that is responsible for planning, managing, and monitoring publicly funded mental health, substance–related disorder, and addictive disorder services.

(b) (1) There is a Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence in the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

(2) The purpose of the Center is to provide technical support to local governments, law enforcement, public safety agencies, behavioral health agencies, and crisis service providers and to develop and implement a crisis intervention model program.

(3) The Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall appoint the following individuals to oversee the Center:

(i) a crisis intervention law enforcement coordinator;

(ii) a mental health coordinator;

(iii) an advocacy coordinator; and

(iv) additional coordinators necessary as determined by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

(4) The Center shall be guided by the Collaborative Committee.

(5) The Center may:

(i) on request, assist a law enforcement agency or local government in implementing a crisis intervention model program;

(ii) provide educational resources to law enforcement to promote crisis intervention team programs; and

(iii) monitor statewide progress for implementation of crisis intervention model programs.

(c) (1) There is a Collaborative Planning and Implementation Committee for the Center.

(2) The Collaborative Committee shall include the following members:

(i) the Executive Director of the Police and Correctional Training Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, or the Executive Director's designee;

(iii) the Director of the Behavioral Health Administration, or the Director's designee; and

(iv) the following individuals, appointed by the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention:

1. at least one representative of a local behavioral health authority;

2. at least one representative from family and consumer mental health organizations;

3. a representative from the Maryland Municipal League;

4. a representative from the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association;

5. a representative from the Maryland Association of Counties;
6. a representative of a local crisis intervention team;
7. other members determined to be necessary to carry out the work of the Collaborative Committee; and
8. a representative from the Maryland Sheriffs' Association.

(3) A member appointed by the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention:

- (i) serves for a term of 3 years and until a successor is appointed and qualifies; and
- (ii) may be reappointed.

(4) A member of the Collaborative Committee:

- (i) may not receive compensation as a member of the Collaborative Committee; but
- (ii) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(5) The Collaborative Committee shall:

- (i) review services and training provided by the Center;
- (ii) develop outcome measures for and evaluation of the Center;
- (iii) develop recommendations for full implementation of the crisis intervention model program at the municipal, county, and State level; and
- (iv) provide general oversight of the Center.

(d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the operation of the Center and Collaborative Committee shall be supported by:

- (i) appropriations provided in the State budget;

(ii) grants or other assistance from federal, State, or local government; and

(iii) any other money made available to the Center from any public or private source.

(2) The operation of the Center is subject to the limitations of the State budget and their funds received under this subsection.

(e) (1) On or before December 1 each year, the Center shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on:

(i) the activities of the Center; and

(ii) related criminal justice efforts occurring at the State and local levels to direct individuals away from the criminal justice system and emergency medical system by providing access to alternative services at the earliest possible point in the individual's encounter with law enforcement.

(2) The report shall include an analysis regarding any deficiencies and recommendations on priorities for improving the criminal justice system response to and treatment of individuals with mental illness.

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